

Notice of Allowability

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/20/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 42-46.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/20/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 42-46 are pending in this Office Action.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Chan on 7/11/2005.

Please amend claims 42, 44, 45 and 46 as following:

As regarding to claim 42:

please **delete** _____ "a global set of" _____, on page 2 , line 2;

Please **delete** _____ "ATMs" _____, on page 2, line 1; and

Please **insert** "automated teller machines(ATMs)" **after** "a system of", on page 2, line 1.

As regarding to claim 44:

please **delete** _____ "a global set of" _____, on page 3 , line 2;

Please **delete** _____ "ATMs" _____, on page 3, line 1;

Please **insert** "automated teller machines (ATMs)" **after** "a system of", on page 3, line 1.

As regarding to claim 45:

please **delete** _____ “a global set of” _____, on page 4, line 2;

Please **delete** _____ “ATMs” _____, on page 4, line 1;

Please **insert** “automated teller machines (ATMs)” **after** “a system of”, on page 4, line 1.

As regarding to claim 46:

please **delete** _____ “a global set of” _____, on page 5, line 2.

Please **delete** _____ “ATMs” _____, on page 5, line 1;

Please **insert** “automated teller machines (ATMs)” **after** “a system of”, on page 5, line 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 42-46 are allowed.

The prior art of record, alone or in combination, does not teach or fairly suggest the combination of steps as recited in independent claims 42 and 45, wherein “maintaining a first relational database at a first ATM, wherein the first relational database stores information about a first sub-set of customers who frequent the first ATM to conduct transactions at the first ATM; transmitting the first customer information from the data warehouse to the first ATM to allow the first ATM to update the information about the first sub-set of customers stored in the first relational database to include the first customer information and thereby to allow the first ATM to more

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effectively serve the first sub-set of customers at the first ATM whenever the first sub-set of customers conduct future transactions at the first ATM” and;

The prior art of record, alone or in combination, does not teach or fairly suggest the combination of steps as recited in independent claims 44 and 46, wherein “maintaining a first relational database at a first ATM, wherein the first relational database stores information about a first sub-set of customers who frequent the first ATM to conduct transactions at the first ATM; synchronizing customer information between data warehouse and each of the first and second ATMs to update the information about the first sub-set of customers stored in the first relational database to include certain customer information which has been collected in the data warehouse and thereby to allow the first ATM to more effectively serve the first sub-set of customers at the first ATM whenever the first sub-set of customers conduct future transactions at the first ATM”.

The dependent claims, bring definite, further limiting, and fully enabled by the specification are also allowed.

Contact Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cam Y T Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-4042 . The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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